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## TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL RETIREE OPEN HOUSE

The Fort Sill Twenty-Seventh Annual Retiree Open House is scheduled for 15 - 17 September 2005. This year's events are being planned and things are moving right along.

This year Reynolds Army Community Hospital (RACH) has designed a unique curriculum of health education and wellness classes for the retiree Open House. Reynolds' pharmacy department has designed a brown bag program where we invite you to bring all your medication in during the Open House. A pharmacist will review your medications with you for any potential problems. If you'd like, list all the medications you are taking, to include any over-the-counter medication, on a sheet of paper and attach it to your registration form, a pharmacist will conduct an advance medication screening prior to your arrival. To get up-to-date information references on RACH and the Retiree Open House, visit the RACH website at <http://www.rach.sill.amedd.army.mil>. Please take advantage of the numerous classes RACH will offer this year by placing a check mark beside those that you would be interested in attending on the enclosed registration form and return it to the Retirement Service Office.

The guest speaker this year will be Ms. Avis Allen, Deputy Chief Army Retirement Services. Ms. Avis Allen's knowledge of retiree issues is unsurpassed. Her speech is sure to be both enlightening and challenging.



Old Post Chapel  
United States Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill

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## Greetings from the Fort Sill Retiree Councils

Planning is currently taking place for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Retiree Open House, which is now called "Retiree Appreciation Day."

This year's motto is "*Still Supporting Our Troops.*"

The motto was chosen in remembrance of United States troops serving bravely in many countries throughout the world.

With the support of the Fort Sill commander, this year's activities include a bus tour of Fort Sill in place of the Fire Power demonstration. The tour will begin at 1030 hours, Friday, 16 September 2005 and last for about two hours. You will have an opportunity to see many places of interest and learn about Fort Sill's history. The tour is scheduled in the morning and will not interfere with the hospital program and many information booths set up for you to visit.. Bus transportation will be available from Reynolds Army Community Hospital departing at 1030 hours.

Retiree issues and concerns continue to be addressed by various governmental activities and the Congress. Progress has been made in the following areas:

- ♦ Congress declared a one year open season (beginning 1 October 2005 and ending 30 September 2006) for retirees to elect the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) or to increase their current coverage. More information on this subject and other benefits will be addressed at the Reynolds Army Community Hospital classroom briefings.
- ♦ There are bills pending in the House and Senate that correct two remaining major SBP inequities. (1) The Military Survivors Equity Act will end the deduction of VA survivors' benefits which is paid when the service member's death is caused by a service-connected condition. (2) The bill (Senate 185) will move the 2008 effective date for 30 year paid up SBP coverage to a 1 October 2005 implementation date.



- \* A bill is pending that will eliminate the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from being offset from the spouse's SBP annuity.
- \* The FY1999 Defense Authorization Act authorizes retired SBP enrollees who have attained age 70 and paid SBP premiums for 30 years to stop paying premiums. The Act delayed the effective date to 1 October 2008 to save money. Many veteran organizations and the Military Officers Association of America are asking Congress to move up the effective date.
- \* H.R. 303 will authorize the full concurrent receipt of retired pay and veteran's disability compensation for retirees with regular or Guard/Reserve retirements. Currently those with combat related or 100% disabilities are authorized full concurrent receipt (e.g., combat related special compensation/full concurrent receipt); and those with 50% or higher non-combat disabilities will see their disability off sets phased out over the next eight (8) years.
- \* Authority has been granted to issue permanent ID cards to spouses and survivors who are 70 years of age or older.

An item of interest to all of us is the availability of our commissaries. Savings can be significant – approximately 30%. We may lose this privilege if use is not high enough to justify the cost. Please use your commissaries.

Your attendance will make our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Commanding General's "**Retiree Appreciation Day**" a success. COL Frederick A. Swiderski, the Commander of Reynolds Army Community Hospital is making the hospital and staff available for two days of screenings and health related classes. The hospital and many other organizations on the post are making a large commitment of time and providing staff for our benefit. Plan to take advantage of the many activities offered as well as the chance to meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

***Stephen A. Glick***

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COL, Retired U.S. Army  
Chairman Officer Retiree Council



# HEALTH CARE



## DoD Hearing Aid Program

The Retiree-at-Cost Hearing Aid Program (RACHAP) provides retired service members the opportunity to purchase hearing aids at government cost. The hearing aids are purchased directly from the manufacturer at substantial savings over the cost for the same hearing aids sold and fitted in the civilian community (often as much as 300% savings). Unfortunately, the RACHAP is not available to family members.

Retirees are encouraged to call and inquire as to availability of the RACHAP at the nearest Military Treatment Facility (MTF). If the RACHAP is available, the retiree will be instructed on how to obtain an appointment in the Audiology Clinic. At the appointment, a complete diagnostic evaluation will be performed by the MTF Audiologist, along with any necessary medical referrals. If it's determined that the retiree may benefit from the use of amplification, the Audiologist will recommend a specific hearing aid(s) and prescription, along with the total cost. At most MTF's, the retiree will be asked to provide payment at the time the hearing aid(s) is ordered. Upon receipt, the retiree will be scheduled for a Hearing Aid Fitting appointment.

For additional information go to the Military Officer Association of America website: [http://www.moaa.org/HealthCare/Hearing\\_Aid.asp](http://www.moaa.org/HealthCare/Hearing_Aid.asp).



**D**id you know that retirees can receive services offered by the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) for life? Their ID card carrying family members can too. Included are the following:

- Full access to job assistance training
- Ability to consult with professional job assistance counselors at anytime.
- Free resume critiques and assistance.
- Preparation for job fairs.
- Preparation for job interviews.
- Accesses to the Job Assistance Training Application (JATA) - a premium multi-media system of job assistance training modules.
- Access to automated career exploration tools that can help you identify the right NEW career for you.
- Access to automated self-assessment tools that can help you better understand where your strengths lie and how to capitalize on them.

Contact your nearest ACAP Center for more information and to make an appointment. To find the nearest ACAP Center, visit the ACAP website at [www.acap.army.mil](http://www.acap.army.mil).

## Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is a Non-Profit private organization operating on Fort Sill. All profits made by the shop are given in the form of donations back to the military community.

The Thrift Shop serves as a facility for the military and retirees to consign unwanted, used personal property. Consignors with a military ID Card may consign 5 items of seasonal clothing and 10 miscellaneous items each day Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Thrift Shop is open for sales, Tuesday—Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No military ID Card is needed to purchase items. The store is filled with great buys from clothing, toys, jewelry, baby items, dishes, appliances and furniture.

We would like to invite everyone to visit our store located in building 1713 (behind the Garden Shop). The store is operated by four paid staff and forty-five volunteers. Donated items will be accepted and always appreciated at any time.

Ms. Patricia Nance  
Manager





# Fort Sill Oklahoma

**From the Desk...**

**...of Linda Tunnell**

**Retirement Services Officer**

This year is our twenty-seventh annual Open House and with all that is going on this year with our country and our Soldiers our theme is "Still Supporting our Troops". We want to honor all of our veterans for all that they have given to this great nation. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to attend this years Open House and to visit all of the many booths which will be set up in the lobby of the hospital. As always DFAS will have a representative there to answer many of your finance questions. This year the hospital Commander COL Swiderski has been gracious enough to let us use the hospital for both Thursday and Friday, so that you can take advantage of all of the activities and scheduled classes. Last year the health classes were a big success and this year we have added a class on Retirement Benefits. There will be transportation provided for anyone needing a new ID card or seeking legal assistance.

MG Valcourt has invited Ms. Avis Allen, Deputy Chief Army Retired Services to be our guest speaker. MG Valcourt invites all retirees from all branches to join us during the three days of activities. The activities will include Reynolds Army Hospital, the monthly retirement ceremony at the Old Post Quadrangle, legal services and assistance, a tour of the Wichita's with a Dutch lunch and a bus tour of historic Fort Sill and much more. The Retiree Open House banquet will be held at the Officers Club on Friday night. On Saturday, you are invited to come and enjoy the Lawton/Fort Sill CO-OP annual Buffalo Burger Cook-Out at the CO-OP Park for a great meal and a good time.

*Linda J. Tunnell*

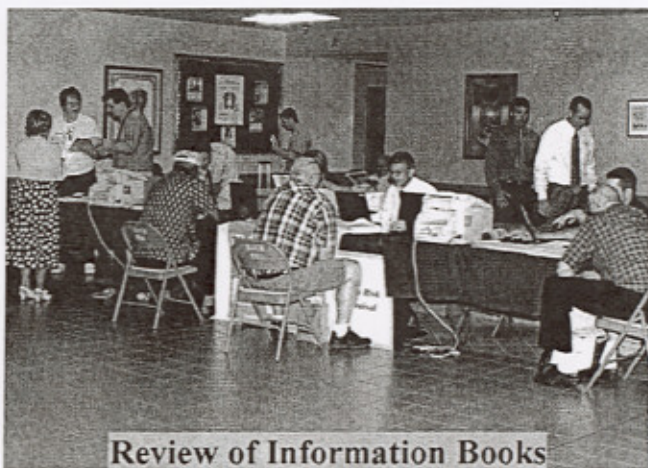
Ms. Linda J. Tunnell

Retirement Service Officer



# 2004 Open House Highlights

Military of Purple Heart Display Table



Review of Information Books



Transportation from parking to Hospital



RSO Greeting Table



CSM Stewart Presenting Ft. Nill Afghan to Senior Attendee



Gen Graham Making Opening remarks



CWO Talley & Linda Young



# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING A WILL**

furnished by the Fort Sill Legal Assistance Office

Bldg 2593

Phone: (580) 442-5058/5059

fax: (580) 442-3034

**IS ALL MY PROPERTY CONTROLLED BY MY WILL WHEN I DIE?** No. Proceeds of insurance policies are distributed as you have directed on the beneficiary form. Property which you own jointly with another person will usually go to the other joint owner. Thus insurance proceeds and jointly owned property are usually not controlled by your will.

**WHAT IS PROBATE?** Probate is a court procedure by which a will is proved to be valid, taxes and creditors paid, and your property distributed as you have directed in your will. Probate proceedings can also address the guardianship of children, trusts, etc.

**HOW DO I DETERMINE MY LEGAL RESIDENCE, AND WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO MY WILL?** Your legal residence is a place where you have been and which you consider your PERMANENT home. If you are on active duty or are the family member of an active duty service member, your legal residence is the place you intend to return to when military service is concluded. Your legal residence is important to your will because when you die, the laws of your state of legal residence will be used to interpret and implement your will.

**WHAT IS A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE?** A Personal Representative is the person named in your will to settle your estate and distribute your property. Settlement includes paying from your estate any taxes and debts you may owe. Usually a married person names his or her spouse as Personal Representative. Often a security bond is required of this person; however, most states allow you to specify in your will that you want the bond waived. In most states the Personal Representative must be a U.S. citizen. Your Personal Representative will have an important role; choose him or her with care, and discuss the matter beforehand. Be sure that the person you name is one you trust and have confidence in and who agrees to serve as your Personal Representative.

**HOW SHOULD I LEAVE MY PROPERTY?** Generally speaking, you may state in your will that you are leaving your property to anyone you wish, although there are laws in some states which may give your spouse and/or children a right by law to a portion of your property. Most married persons leave all of their property to their spouse, and if their spouse does not outlive them, then to their children. However, this is an individual decision.

**WHAT IF I WANT SOMEONE TO MANAGE A MINOR'S MONEY AND PROPERTY FOR THEM?** As part of your will, you may name someone to be a financial custodian to manage any money or property that you leave to a minor child. Most states have a simple method of appointing an adult you have named to be the custodian of a child's property. If you are interested in this arrangement, discuss it with the person you want to name as custodian and then discuss it with your attorney. Creating a trust in your will is also an alternative.

**CAN I GIVE SPECIFIC THINGS TO SPECIFIC PEOPLE?** Yes. These are called specific bequests and you may make them fully describing what you want to give and naming the person who is to receive it. However, you should be careful. If you dispose of such property before your death, or if there is any doubt about the exact property described, you may be creating difficulties for your Personal Representative.





## PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE LEGAL NEEDS

Article furnished by Legal Assistance Office, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Retirees living outside the Lawton/Fort Sill area who are planning to attend the upcoming Retiree Open House may want to schedule an appointment for legal services. Legal Assistance personnel will be available at the Legal Assistance Office, 2593 Currie Road, to prepare Wills, Advance Directives for Health Care and Durable Powers of Attorney, if retirees schedule an appointment in advance. Informational handouts on a variety of topics of interest to retirees will be available.

Take advantage of this opportunity to put your legal affairs in order. Each person wanting a will, durable power of attorney or advance directive prepared should contact the Fort Sill Legal Assistance Office at (580) 442-5058/5059 for an appointment, between 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. A will worksheet and other information will be mailed to you. No joint wills can be prepared. Each person will see a separate attorney.

An Advance Directive for Health Care (*or Living Will*) is a valuable document informing your family members and health care providers of the life-sustaining treatment you want to receive or decline if you become terminally ill or persistently unconscious. "Terminally ill" means a condition which is incurable and irreversible in the opinion of two physicians and will result in death within six (6) months, despite the use of life-sustaining treatment. Organ donation can also be selected to inform your family members and health care providers that you want to donate your body or major organs after your death. While similar to the organ donor section on a driver's license, it provides a formal designation which may be filed in medical records and given to family members informing them of your decision.

A Power of Attorney legally empowers another individual to act on your behalf. A Durable Power of Attorney remains effective even if the person who authorized it becomes incapacitated or incompetent and allows the person named to make decisions and act for you. It is an alternative to a court-appointed guardian or conservator.

Preparing your Will, making advance decisions about organ donation, medical treatment, and who will act for you if you are unable to make decisions for yourself can provide peace of mind and relieves family members of making these difficult decisions at times of great stress.





# Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs

The Claims and Benefits personnel are located at the Veterans Administration (VA) Out-Patient Clinic (VAOPC) inside Building 4303 located on Fort Sill. Our phone number is (580) 353-1131, ext. 4071. We provide many different services to the veterans and their dependents. Our primary function is to assist veterans and their dependents with their claims before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Oklahoma Department of VA Service Representatives are accredited with a number of service organizations in order to better represent the claimant with their claims and appeals. The Claims Representatives will assist in the appeals process, and if necessary, represent the claimant at a personal hearing before the U.S. Department of VA Hearing Officer.

The Muskogee Claims Office also handles lifetime Hunting and Fishing permits, special veterans license plates, and the Financial Assistance Program.

The Claims and Benefits Field Service representatives cover the entire state on an itinerant basis, providing a service to veterans and their dependents within their home communities.

What we do at the VAOPC Fort Sill.

- ◆ File initial claims for service-connected (S/C) compensation; non service-connected (NSC) pension; service-connected death benefits (DIC) and widow's pension claims from the Department of VA.
- ◆ Reopen claims for service-connection. Reopen and advise on previously denied claims. "Yes, you can reopen your claim as needed (when a condition worsens) anytime."
- ◆ File for temporary 100% S/C disability for surgery/recovery of a S/C condition.
- ◆ File a notice of disagreement on a denied claim followed by an appeal before the Board of Veterans Appeals.
- ◆ Provide FREE representation for hearing before the local hearing officer or Board of Veterans Appeals through Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) power of attorney at Muskogee.
- ◆ Evaluate military and current medical history. Send for your DD 214, service records and service medical records. Locate records to support claims for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
- ◆ Establish and maintain outreach programs.
- ◆ Advise veterans/dependents of educational benefits.
- ◆ Attend various veteran organizational meeting to disseminate information.
- ◆ Make hospital/home visits to those veterans who cannot come to our office.
- ◆ Assist veterans with their applications for medical benefits and State Veterans Center applications.

Our services are free. If you have any questions or problems please feel free to stop by.



# ID CARD SECTION

**MISSION:** The Fort Sill I.D. Card section is responsible for processing identification cards for all soldiers, dependents, retirees, and applicable Civilian personnel for Fort Sill and its supported regions.

## HOURS AND LOCATION

The ID Card Section is located in Building 3162, Room 102, on Jones Road, Fort Sill, OK. The hours are as follows:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Fri: 0730-1530

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Each month: 0800-1300

The ID Card Section is closed on all Federal and Training Holidays.

## POC TELEPHONE AND ADDRESS

ID Card Section: (580) 442-5010/2560 DSN: 639-5010

Mailing Address: Military Personnel Division, ATTN: IMSW-SIL-MSI, 6607 NW Fort Sill Blvd, Bldg 3162I,  
Fort Sill, OK 73503-1899

You do not have to travel far; here are locations of ID Card Issuing Facilities in Oklahoma and Arkansas:

### OKLAHOMA SITES

ANG, 137 MSF, OKC, OK 73179	(405) 686-5212
ANG, 138 Fighter Wing, TULSA, OK 74115	(918) 833-7206
USAFR, 507 MSS Tinker AFB, OKC, OK 73145	(405) 734-7492
95th Div IT, OKC, OK 73150 USAR	(405) 419-8362
ARNG, AG HQ State, OKC, OK 73111	(405) 228-5645
USAF, Altus AFB, ALTUS, OK 73523	(405) 481-6559
ARNG, Camp Gruber, BRAGGS, OK 74423	(918) 487-6006/6007
USA, McAlester AAP, MCALESTER, OK 74501	(918) 420-6375
USNR, NMCRC Tulsa, OK 74012	(918) 258-7822
USNR, NRRC, OKC, Oklahoma, 73150	(405) 737-6099
USN, PSD Oklahoma, OKC OK 73145	(405) 739-3178
Tinker, AFB	(405) 739-7464
Vance, AFB	(580) 213—7500

### SERVICE PHONE

### ARKANSAS SITES

188 MSF Fort Smith	ANG	(479) 648-8348/8215
189 MSF Little Rock	ANG	(501) 988-6703
90 RSC Little Rock	USAR	(501) 771-7333
AG HQ State, Little Rock	ARNG	(501) 212-5035
Arkadelphia Army Reserve Center	USAR	(870) 246-9862
CO B 2nd 7th BDE/95	USAR	(479) 484-2205
Fort Chaffee ARNG MTC	ARNG	(479) 484-2708
Little Rock AFB	USAF	(501) 987-6831
NMCRC Little Rock	USNR	(501) 771-2579
National Guard Armory	ARNG	(479) 442-5789
Pine Bluff Arsenal		(501) 540-3030

### SERVICE

### PHONE



## RETIREE OPEN HOUSE REGISTRATION FORM

**R**eynolds will be offering Retirees a chance to identify their cardiovascular goals through the use of the Coronary Heart Disease Risk Factor Calculator. This risk calculator assesses each participant's 10-year absolute risk for developing heart disease based on Framingham identified risk factors. The results are calculated using an individual's blood pressure and a blood sample.

Reynolds will provide cholesterol and blood sugar testing at the Specimen Collection Clinic. Participating Retirees should not eat or drink anything 12 hours prior to testing. Please return this form to the Retirement Services Office.

SPONSOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YY

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City, State, Zip Code)

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Include Area Code)

STATUS: \_\_\_\_ Retiree \_\_\_\_ Retiree Family Member \_\_\_\_ Widowed Spouse \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female

MILITARY SERVICE: \_\_\_\_ Army \_\_\_\_ Navy \_\_\_\_ Marine Corps \_\_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_\_ Coast Guard

SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YY

## EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

Educational classes will be available at the open house. This is a great opportunity to learn about different health topics and have some dialogue with health care professionals. Classes will include information on topics such as:

### **Living Healthy**

Exercise Programs  
Heart Disease  
Blood Pressure  
Cholesterol

### **Nutrition**

Weight Management  
Healthy Eating  
Vitamins

### **Diabetes Management**

Pharmacotherapy  
Glaucoma  
Foot Care

### **Retiree Benefits**

MOAA Representative





## NEED A PLACE TO STAY WHILE YOU ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSE?

Guest Housing is available for your enjoyment while visiting the Lawton/Fort Sill area. For reservations and information please contact the billeting office at 580-442-5000.

Also available for your stay are full RV Hook-ups at Fort Sill:

Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area (LETRA). \$16.00 per night. Call 580-442-5541 for reservations.  
White Wolf Crossing: \$10.00 per night. Call 580-355-8270 or 800-375-8270 for reservations.

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### RESERVATION FORM FORT SILL RETIREE OPEN HOUSE DINNER BUFFET SEPTEMBER 16, 2005



You are invited to join the Commanding General of Fort Sill for a dinner buffet on September 16, 2005, 1800 hours at the Fort Sill Patriot Club. The menu for the dinner will be Tender Beef Brisket, Smoked Sausage, Mesquite Grilled Chicken, Creamy Cole Slaw, Homemade Potatoes Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Relish Tray, Homemade Yeast Rolls, Eddie Deen's Signature BBQ Sauce, Chocolate Fudge Pecan Pie, Vanilla Buttermilk Pie, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Coffee, Tea, and Water.

The evening will be topped off with our guest speaker, Ms. Alvis Allen, Deputy Chief Army Retirement Services. A drawing for door prizes totalling \$1,000.00 will follow the closing ceremonies. Cost is **\$17.00** per person. Make checks or money orders payable to the **Fort Sill Retiree Council**.

**NO REFUND AFTER SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

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☐ YES, Enclosed please find my check for \_\_\_\_\_ persons x \$17.00 each.

The following information is needed for name tags:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION OF 1974:

AUTHORITY: 10 USC 3012.

PURPOSE: To maintain reference and location of assigned individual.

ROUTINE USE: Normal office use. To obtain current information needed in performance of administrative operations.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary.

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Place  
stamp  
here

FORT SILL RETIREE COUNCIL  
P.O. BOX 33688  
FORT SILL, OK 73503

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# **LAWTON VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC**

Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

(580) 353-1131

## **Enrolling for Care**

To receive VA benefits, service connected veterans rated 50% or greater, or rated for a service connected disability must enroll to receive medical care. To enroll you may pickup your enrollment application in person at the Lawton VA Outpatient Clinic. You will need a copy of your military discharge paperwork. This may be a DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty Service, a DD-215, or for WWII veterans a WD form.

Insurance and/or Medicare Card(s) will need to be presented so that the VA can make copies and bill the insurance company(s) for any non-service connected treatment you receive.

## **Orientation**

After enrollment you will be scheduled for a 60 minute orientation class. During this class you will receive vital information on how to navigate through the VA health care system. The orientation consists of teaching you how to schedule an appointment, order your prescriptions, requesting copies of your medical records, information on diagnostic tests and how to receive specialty care. Orientation is mandatory in order to receive services.

## **Appointments**

After orientation you will be assigned to a primary care provider and an appointment will be scheduled for you within 30 days. On your initial appointment you will need to bring medical records of any illnesses or operations you have had in the past, medicines you are taking and other health care matters that you feel may be important to your provider.

## **Location and Hours of Operation**

The Lawton VA Outpatient Clinic is located on Fort Sill, bldg 4303, Pitman & Thomas, adjacent to Reynolds Army Community Hospital on the west side. Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday 08:00 to 4:00, except Wednesdays, hours are 08:00 to 2:00 p.m. The clinics telephone number is (580) 353-1131.

*Michael S. Washington*

MICHAEL S. WASHINGTON

Administrator



## FORT SILL ANNUAL RETIREE OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005\*

0800-1600 hours      Health Education Classes  
Walk-in check for Cholesterol, Glaucoma, etc.  
Round table discussion—providing information on  
TRICARE, VA, CRSC, etc.  
Service Related Information Booths

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2005\*

0800-1400 hours      Service Related Information Booths

0900 hours            Retirement Ceremony, Old Post Quadrangle  
*(transportation will be provided from RACH)*

1030-1400 hours      Tour of the Wichita's followed by Lunch (*Place TBD*),  
(Dutch treat). Depart from RACH.

1030-1230            Fort Sill Tour By Bus. Bus transportation available at RACH.

1800 hours            Open House Banquet - Registration/Get Acquainted at the Patriot Club  
(Formerly called the Officers Club)

1830 hours            Posting of Colors, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

1845 hours            Buffet

1930 hours            Introduction of Commanding General

1935 hours            Program (TBA)

2000 hours            Introduction of Guest Speaker  
Guest Speaker - Ms. Avis Allen (Deputy Chief, Army Retirement Services)

2030 hours            Thank you/Door Prizes and Gifts

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2005

1300 hours            All retirees and family members are invited as guests of the  
Lawton/Fort Sill Co-Op to a Buffalo Burger Cookout at the Co-Op Park.  
*(Near the Old Post Theater, Bldg 1015).*

\* Those attending the Banquet Friday evening may pre-register at the information table at the Hospital.  
You will be issued a ticket and will not have to register at the banquet.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HQ, USAFACFS

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Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503-5100

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